

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Figures 1 and 2 as indicated in the attached replacement sheets.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-36 were pending. Claims 1-3, 8, 11-12, 19-21, 26, 29, and 30 were rejected. Claims 15-18 and 33-36 were allowed. Claims 4-7, 9-10, 13-14, 22-25, 27-28, and 31-32 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms. Portions of the drawings and specification were objected.

In this response, claims 4, 9, 22, and 27 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 5-6, 8, 10, 13-15, 19, 23-24, 26, 28, and 31-33 have been amended. Portions of the drawings and specification have been amended to overcome the objections. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of claim 4. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended as independent claims including substantially all limitations of the original claim 1. Claim 8 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of claim 9. Claims 13 and 14 have been amended as independent claims including substantially all limitations of the original claim 8. Claim 19 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of claim 22. Claims 23 and 24 have been amended as independent claims including substantially all limitations of claim 19. Claim 26 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of claim 27. Claims 28 and 31-32 have been amended as independent claims including substantially all limitations of the original claim 26.

The rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims. Applicant also amends the rest of the amended claims for proper dependency. While Applicant does not

concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims that were objected to and/or allowed.

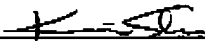
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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